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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the response filed on July 20, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 30.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Keith Frantz on January 30, 2006.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims

Claim 30 has been rewritten as follows:

--Claim 30. (Currently Amended) A workpiece carrier for use with a power saw having (i) a flat work table provided with a guide slot, and (ii) a cutting tool extending above the work table for cutting a workpiece, the workpiece carrier comprising:

(a) a horizontal base for supporting a workpiece, the base having a front, a back and opposite sides, and having a top and a bottom for sliding on the work table,

(b) a guide bar secured to the bottom of the base for sliding positioning in the guide slot in the work table, the guide bar extending longitudinally toward said opposite sides ~~sideways along~~ and downwardly from the bottom of the base,

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(c) a slide member slidably engaging the base for lateral sliding movement relative to the base forwardly toward the front of the base and rearwardly toward the back of ~~[[on]]~~ the base between a forward position and rear position,

(d) a control arm extending longitudinally ~~laterally~~ over the slide member and secured to the base on opposite sides of the slide member, the control arm being provided with a horizontal threaded through hole positioned above the slide member,

(e) a longitudinally extending ~~[[an]]~~ upright mounting plate positioned over ~~[[above]]~~ the base and forwardly of the control arm, the mounting plate being secured to the slide member for sliding movement therewith on the base, the mounting plate having a front side and a back side, there being provided a plurality of horizontal clearance holes through the mounting plate between said front and back sides thereof,

(f) a horizontal drive screw threaded through the threaded hole in the control arm and extending forwardly and rearwardly therefrom, the forward end of the drive screw rotatably connected to the mounting plate from the back side thereof, the drive screw being manually operable from a position behind the control arm for manually controlling the lateral ~~controlled~~ sliding movement of the slide member and mounting plate together on the base upon turning the drive screw,

(g) a plurality of threaded fasteners extending through the clearance holes in the mounting plate from the back side thereof the threaded fasteners being configured for threading directly into a workpiece located on the front side of the mounting plate, and

(h) a pair of laterally spaced handles rigidly secured between the back side of the mounting plate and the back of the slide member for sliding movement therewith, the

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handles extending upwardly from the back of the slide member and forwardly over the control arm to the back side of the mounting plate.--.

In the Specification

Paragraph 0037, line 5, --24-- has been inserted after "base plate";

line 7, "24" has been changed to --38--;

line 8, --24-- has been inserted after "base plate".

Paragraph 0039, line 6, --38-- has been inserted after "mounting plate".

In the Title

The title has been changed to the following:

--WORKPIECE CARRIER FOR A SAW--.

In the Drawings

3. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant:

In Figures 1, 2, 2A, 3 and 6, all of the designations "typ" will be deleted.

In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

Remarks

4. The above changes were made to further clarify the claims with respect to 35 USC 112 and to correct informalities.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark F. Dexter whose telephone number is (571)272-4505. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan N. Shoap can be reached on (571)272-4514. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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